

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claims 11, 33, 43, and 44 have been amended so that they no longer depend from a cancelled claim. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-13, 33, 43, and 44 under §112, second paragraph, is therefore requested.

Page 8 has been amended to change the lower end point back to 830. Withdrawal of the rejection under §132 is therefore requested.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 16 and claim 16, as well as dependent claims 5, 14, 15, 16, and 17 for being redundant or inconsistent therewith have been cancelled. Since the Examiner indicated claim 16 contained allowable subject matter, it is submitted that amended claim 1 and claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-13, and 18-22 dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's indicated allowance of process claims 23, 24, 26-29, 33 (sic 31), 32, and 34-42 is noted. It is believed that with the amendment to claim 33, this process claim is also now allowable.

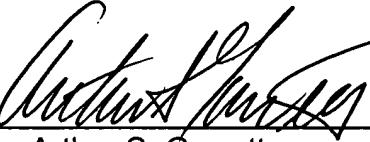
New claim 55 is claim 17 written in independent form and claim 56 is claim 22 written in independent form. The particular polymeric materials of the first intermediate layer and third or top layer as set forth in claim 17 have been inserted on page 9 of the specification for completeness. In addition, article claims 43-50 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 55 or 56. Since both of claims 17 and 22 were indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter, it is believed claims 43-50, 55, and 56 should also be allowable.

It is believed claims 1-4, 11-13, 18-24, 26-29, 31-50, 55, and 56 are in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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